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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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TAGS:MASS, GB, US

SUBJECT:GABON -- LOA FOR ARMORED CARS

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 1838; B) STATE 228779

1. LOA HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL BE POUCHED TO POST  
SEPTEMBER 28.

2. POST SHOULD BE AWARE THAT TOTAL PRICE OF ARMORED CARS  
IS ALMOST 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS, MORE THAN ORIGINALLY ANTI-  
CIPATED. PRIMARY REASON IS THAT BELGIAN FIRM WHICH SUP-  
PLIES 90MM GUN HAS INCREASED PRICE SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE  
ORIGINAL ESTIMATE MADE. GOG CAN HANDLE THIS PROBLEM IN  
ONE OF TWO WAYS: (A) PAY EXCESS OVER 2 MILLION DOLLARS ON  
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CASH SALE BASIS; OR (B) ASSUMING 2 MILLION DOLLARS IN

FMS FINANCING FOR FY 77 IS FORTHCOMING, PAY EXCESS FROM THAT TRANCHE.

3. THIRD SOLUTION WOULD BE TO RECONSIDER ACQUIRING 76MM GUNS INSTEAD OF 90MM GUNS. 76MM GUN IS STANDARD FOR THIS ARMORED CAR, AND RECOMMENDED BY DOD. THIS WOULD PROBABLY BRING TOTAL COST BELOW 2 MILLION DOLLARS. ARMY CAN PROVIDE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATE IF NECESSARY (ADVISE).

4. ASSUME GOG AND EMBASSY ALSO AWARE THAT COST FIGURES CITED ABOVE EXCLUDE AMMUNITION, WHICH UNDER FMS PROCEDURES IS HANDLED ON CASH SALE BASIS. KISSINGER

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